

LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

May 23, 2013

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Jeff Wiley, Chairman of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Wiley, and the Invocation was led by Constable Reginald Brown. Roll call was conducted by Lisa Dreher. A quorum was present.

Commission members or their representatives who were present: Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle; Mr. Glenn Brasseaux; Constable Reginald Brown; Mr. David Burton; Mr. Chris Ribera for Attorney General James D. “Buddy” Caldwell; Sheriff Mike Cazes; Ms. Cynthia Austin for Mr. Paul D. Connick, Jr.; Chief Billy Cureington; Sheriff Austin Daniel; Mr. John DeRosier; Chief Mac Dickinson; Lt. Col. Adam White for Col. Michael Edmonson; Sheriff Sid Gautreaux; Sheriff William Hilton; Mr. David Kent; Ms. Julie Kilborn; Judge Nancy Amato Konrad; Chief Bill Landry; Chief Bry Layrisson; Ms. Genie Powers for Secretary James M. LeBlanc; Mr. James “Jay” Lemoine; Chief Deputy Gary Guillory for Sheriff Tony Mancuso; Chief Judge James McKay; Chief Dwayne Munch; Sheriff Newell Normand; Sheriff Stephen Prator; Chief Carlos Stout; Mr. J. D. Thornton; Sheriff Bud Torres; Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Mr. Reed Walters; Mr. Joey Watson; Mr. Mike Lanier for Chief Judge Vanessa Whipple; and Sheriff Jeff Wiley.

LCLE Staff who were present included: Mr. Joey Watson, Executive Director; Mr. Robert Mehrrens; Mr. Rustin Legendre; Mr. Bob Wertz; Ms. Kathy Guidry; Ms. Lisa Dreher; Ms. Fredia Dunn; Ms. Rebekah Taylor; Ms. Linda Gautier; Ms. Kimberly Lax, Ms. Erica Johnson; Mr. Scott Murrell; Mr. Tyler Downing, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, and Mr. Bob Miller.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Sheriff Wiley called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented (from February 21, 2013). Motion made by Sheriff Daniel, and seconded by Chief Stout. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheriff Wiley called for a motion to strike Item A., Advisory Board Chair Appointment, from the agenda. Motion made by Constable Brown, seconded by Sheriff Daniel, and motion passed.

Report of the Priorities Committee

Mr. Joey Watson reported that the Priorities Committee met via teleconference on May 8, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

The Committee recommends approval of all applications, allocations, increases and waivers, as presented, with the exception of 3 D.A.R.E. applications which were submitted to LCLE past the deadline. Therefore, the Priorities Committee recommends that the applications submitted by the DeQuincy Police Department (FY 2012 in the amount of \$18,622), the Mamou Police Department (FY 2011 in the amount of \$21,661), and the Rayne Police Department (FY 2012 in the amount of \$8,400) be denied.

This concludes the Priorities Committee Report.

Sheriff Wiley reminded grantees that funds are awarded to deserving agencies in accordance with Federal and State regulations, as well as the policies and procedures set forth by the Commission. Sheriff Wiley then called for further discussion of the 3 applications which had not been approved. Individually, Officer Jeromy Brady (representing the DeQuincy Police Department), Officer Katina Richard (representing the Mamou Police Department), and Detective Allen Credeur (representing the Rayne Police Department) provided the Commission an explanation for the untimely submittal of their respective agency's D.A.R.E. application, and affirmed to the Commission that future D.A.R.E. applications will be submitted timely.

Mr. Watson reported that the deadline for LCLE's receipt of D.A.R.E. applications is June 30th, and emphasized that missed deadlines tie up state funds that can otherwise be utilized by other agencies and training centers.

Sheriff Wiley called for a motion to include funding of these 3 D.A.R.E. applications, in addition to the projects recommended for approval by the Priorities Committee. Motion made by Constable Reginald Brown, seconded by Sheriff Mike Cazes, and motion passed.

Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

Chief Deputy Gary "Stitch" Guillory reported that the Victim Services Advisory Board met at the Holiday Inn South in Baton Rouge at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. A quorum was present.

1. The Board recommends approval of the following allocations:

- 2 allocations for FY 2011 VOCA funds in the amount of \$144,900
- 1 allocation for FY 2012 VOCA funds in the amount of \$122,400
- 11 allocations for FY 2012 VAWA STOP funds in the amount of \$176,359

2. The Board recommends approval of the following increases:

- 3 increases in FY 2010 VOCA funding in the amount of \$59,883
- 2 increases in FY 2011 VOCA funding in the amount of \$168,663
- 1 increase in FY 2010 VAWA STOP funding in the amount of \$25,974

3. The Board withdrew the following applications:

- Egrants #1149, City of Bossier City, Domestic Violence Investigation, totaling \$15,995 (7th application found in Northwest District table on page 1 of your ballot)

- M12-4-003, Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Training Program, totaling \$14,734 (last application on page 2 of your ballot)

4. The Board recommends approval of the following:

- No release of funds until staff reviews are satisfied
- Pre-award cost waiver of more than 6 months
- No award issued until current CCR and non-profit status is submitted showing "in good standing" and active status
- 26 VOCA applications totaling \$789,081
- 54 VAWA STOP applications totaling \$1,241,982, and
- 11 VAWA SASP applications totaling \$211,520

This concludes the Victim Services Advisory Board Report.

Sheriff Wiley asked for a motion to accept the report. Motion made by Sheriff Cazes, and seconded by Chief Landry. Motion carried.

Report of the Drug Control & Violent Crime Policy Board

Chief Mike Knaps, Chairman, reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at the Holiday Inn South in Baton Rouge at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. A quorum was present.

1. The Board recommends approval of the following:

- 2 FY 2009 ARRA State-level allocations totaling \$46,634
- 2 FY 2012 State-level allocations totaling \$38,543
- 2 FY 2011 District allocations totaling \$8,944
- 1 FY 2010 District allocation totaling \$34,508
- 3 waiver requests, including 2 vehicle purchase waivers using ARRA funds
- 4 increase requests totaling \$63,727
- 20 non-confidential applications totaling \$297,529
- 3 confidential applications totaling \$69,911

2. The Board tabled 1 application from the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office, whose representative was not able to attend. We support this application if their representative is in attendance. (After a brief pause, no response was received.)

3. The Board was notified that the State's 2013 Byrne Program allocation has been announced by the U.S. Department of Justice as \$3,535,825. Our application is being finalized for electronic submission. This is a 1.96% reduction from last year's Award. All districts have been informed of their 2013 Byrne allocation.

This concludes the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board Report.

Sheriff Wiley called for a motion to accept the report. Motion made by Chief Stout, and seconded by Sheriff Arbuckle. Motion passed.

Report of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board

Chief Bill Landry reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at the Holiday Inn South in Baton Rouge at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. A quorum was present.

1. The Board recommends approval of the following allocations:
 - 1 allocation for federal FY 2011 JJDP totaling \$26,306
 - 1 allocation for federal FY 2012 JJDP totaling \$30,924

2. The Board recommends approval of the following applications:
 - 6 JABG applications totaling \$127,580
 - 3 JABG applications totaling \$208,701
 - 1 Title V application totaling \$25,000, with special conditions given to the applicants

This concludes the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board Report.

Sheriff Wiley called for a motion to accept the report. Motion made by Sheriff Gautreaux, and seconded by Constable Brown. Motion passed.

Call for Other Old Business

Sheriff Wiley called for other old business. There was no other old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Jeff Wiley called for a presentation of the District grant applications.

Sheriff Gautreaux made a motion for approval of all district grant applications in globo. Constable Reginald Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed without objection.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sheriff Wiley called for the report of other business.

Mr. Watson reported that a request had been received to seek the Commission's consideration and approval of an increase for FY 2013, DARE Training Center, Subgrant number E#13-8-001 in the amount of \$84,683. This increase is located on page 9 of the ballot).

Sheriff Wiley called for a motion to amend the agenda and approve the item as presented. Motion made by Sheriff Daniel, seconded by Constable Brown, and motion passed.

Mr. Watson reported that we have a need to modify the policy for calculating the fringe benefits for D.A.R.E. Egrants, and called upon Mr. Bob Wertz to provide details regarding the proposed policy revision.

Mr. Wertz reported that current LCLE policy states that the rate of fringe benefits rate for grant programs cannot exceed 30%. This applies to all Federal grants, and there are restrictions for all Federal grant programs. The same requirement does not apply to State grant programs. Mr. Wertz reported that, after discussing the matter with Ms. Tanya LaPorte, LCLE Grants Manager and Ms. Erica Johnson, D.A.R.E. Program Manager, it is proposed that the policy be amended to calculate D.A.R.E. fringe benefits at a flat rate of 30%. This would allow simplification of the grant process while migrating to the Egrant system.

As part of the public hearing process, Mr. Wertz called for comments related to the proposed policy modification. After receiving no comments, Mr. Wertz announced that the hearing was closed.

Sheriff Wiley called for a motion to approve. Motion made by Sheriff Arbuckle and seconded by Sheriff Daniel. Motion passed.

With no other business to discuss, Sheriff Wiley announced that the next Commission Meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2013. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual Medal of Honor Ceremony which will honor 5 fallen officers. Further, Sheriff Wiley encouraged donations for the upcoming ceremony, and announced that Rustin Legendre with LCLE is accepting donations.

Sheriff Wiley asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Sheriff Gautreaux, and seconded by Sheriff Arbuckle. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned